

KEYS TO SUCCESSFUL COLLABORATION

- Develop a partnership with the people or agencies with whom you want to collaborate
- Collaborators continually evaluate and discuss their reasons for collaborating
- Collaborators evaluate and discuss respective strengths that can be brought to the issue
- Collaboration group sets a common goal and smaller objectives and action steps toward that goal
- Collaborators write a plan for the goal and identify parties responsible for achieving objectives/action steps
- Collaboration group uses members' skills and contacts as stepping stones to reach its goal
- Collaboration group learns and practices skills needed to accomplish its goals on an ongoing basis
- The group celebrates successes and strengthens their skills so that they are better able to address future challenges and deepen their collaboration